**EVENT NOTIFICATION:** **South West Coast 50 Challenge – Saturday 5th August 2023**

Dear Clerk,

I hope this finds you well.  I wanted to get in touch to inform you of our annual South West Coast 50 Charity Challenge on Saturday 5th August 2023. We delivered this event in its current format last year and this years format / footprint will be very similar.  The event starts and finishes at the Dunster Showground (The Lawns) in Dunster with participants walking up to 50km on roads, pavements and public footpaths. In addition to the 50km challenge, a 25km and 10km distance challenges will also be available.

**Please note –** I am and have been working closely with the county and district councils as well all key stakeholders and landowners such as the National Park, National Trust and Forestry England.

The event route is comprised of a 50km route with a 25km loop within it.  Further to this there is a 10k loop.  Participants will begin their challenge by heading from Dunster towards and into Minehead.  From Minehead the route west along the south west coastal path to Porlock.  From Porlock the route heads south up to Dunkery Beacon.  From Dunkery Beacon the route turns back towards Minehead and heads north east and then east into Dunster and back to the start / finish location at Dunster Showground.  The 25km loop sits within this and splits off after Minehead and heads south Wootton Courtenay where it rejoins the main 50km route on the Macmillan Way West.  The 10km is a separate route and follows PROWs around Bat’s Castle and Dunster Deer Park.

The route is detailed in the “Event Overview” document but I can create more detailed maps of specific sections on request. The route can also be viewed on the event homepage - <https://www.ultrachallenge.com/sw-coast-50/>.

As per previous years with our Ultra Challenge Series event format, there are no licensable activities taking place, nor will we be requiring any road closures. We do put signage out (pink A5 arrows), however this is participant facing at head height in order to help ensure that no one gets lost. Our route team follow the last walker around the route and takes down all signage put out as well as litter associated with the event.

Please find attached the following event documents -

1. Event Overview – Including route information
2. Event Management Plan
3. Risk Assessment
4. £10 Million public liability insurance certificate

The event is well marshalled and **we have our own medical team supporting** the event from the beginning of the route through to the end.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need any further information.  **Please also let me know if there are other people I should be contacting.**

Kind regards,

Neil

**Neil Munro**

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